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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) filed May 5, 2012.

The petition is **dismissed**.

A review of the petition document reveals that it is signed by only Nebiat Getachew who is one of three joint inventors named on the application. It is noted that 37 CFR 1.33(b) provides, that:

(b) *Amendments and other papers.* Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);

(2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;

(3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

The petition is dismissed because it is not signed by all of the joint inventors, a registered patent agent, or an assignee for the application empowered under 37 CFR 3.73(b). The renewed petition must be signed by all of the joint inventors, or a registered patent agent, or an assignee empowered by 37 CFR 3.73(b).

**NO ADDITIONAL FEES ARE DUE WITH THE RENEWED PETITION.**

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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